

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this configuration, by providing a screen plate that fits detachably with the supporting face of a printing medium support member on which the print medium is supported, it is possible to reduce the size of the printing device, as compared with a device in which a plurality of screen plates are provided in parallel fashion in the direction of travel of a conveyor belt. Moreover, if the image printed on the printing medium by means of a screen plate is the same size as the image printed on the printing medium by emission of ink from an ink emission section, then since the screen plate fits detachably to the supporting face of the printing medium supporting member, the images printed onto the printing medium can be mutually superimposed accurately, simply by means of aligning the positions of the image formed by the screen plate and the image formed by the ink emission section, by taking the supporting face as a reference. Therefore, special positional alignment tasks are not required, it being sufficiently-sufficient simply to fit the screen plate onto the supporting face of the printing medium supporting member.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a front view showing the general configuration of an ink-jet printer relating to one embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a process diagram giving a schematic illustration of the printing process according to the present embodiment, from the step of obtaining original image data to the step of manufacturing a screen;

Fig. 3 is a process diagram giving a schematic illustration of the printing process according to the present embodiment, from the step of setting a fabric on a platen to the end of printing;

Fig. 4 is a block diagram showing the configuration of ink determining means;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view showing a screen plate according to the present embodiment, in a fitted state; and

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view showing a screen plate according to a modification, in a fitted state; and

Fig. 7A is a representation of a modification showing an interlocking groove allowing adjustability of the screen plate; and

Fig. 7B is a view of a spring adjusting mechanism of the modification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the initial state, the platen 12 moves in a forward direction (towards the reader in the case of Fig. 1), the ~~operators~~ operator sets the fabric on the platen 12, and when a printing start command is issued, the platen 12 is moved in the rearward direction (away from the reader in Fig. 1). By means of the platen 12 being moved intermittently in the forward direction, whilst the ink-jet head 5 is moved reciprocatingly between each movement of the platen, printing is carried out onto the fabric. When printing has been completed, the platen 12 moves back to its initial position on the front side. The operator then removes the fabric from the platen 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thereupon, in step 7, the screen plate 60 manufactured in step 5 is fitted ~~into~~-onto the platen 12. Details of the fitting structure are described below, but essentially, the screen

plate 60 comprises a frame 62. The screen plate 60 is designed such that together with the frame 62, it forms a lid shape which covers the upper face 12a of the platen 12. The screen plate 60 fits into onto the platen 12 in such a manner that the fabric 50 is sandwiched between the screen plate 60 and the platen 12. Thereupon, the operator performs screen printing by coating white ink onto the image forming section 61 of the screen plate 60.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Moreover, Fig. 6 shows a cross-sectional view of a screen plate according to a modification example, in a fitted state. In this modification, the frame of the screen plate 60 is constituted by first frame ~~members 64~~ member 64 and second frame members 65. The pair of second frame members 65 which form two opposing sides (the same may apply to the other two opposing sides) are formed slidably on the lower faces of the first ~~frame members 64~~ member 64 in such a manner that the distance L increases or decreases. This sliding action may be achieved by means of interlocking ~~grooves, grooves 66~~ (Fig. 7A), or the like, on the contact faces of the respective frame members 64, 65, for example, a sliding force being applied by means of a ~~spring, spring 68~~ (Fig. 7B), or the like, in such a manner that the distance L contracts.